THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 28th March 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Assignment of lands in Kaikalur taluk.

* 217 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the unstarred question No. 80—

(*a*) whether all the 1,093 applications for assignment of land pending in the Taluk office, Kaikalur, are from landless poor or also from landholders; and

(*b*) whether the Jamabandi Officer is not empowered to dispose of such applications at the time of jamabandi; and, if not, how the Government propose to deal with the applications already pending?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
"(*a*) Out of 1,093 applications pending, 1,056 relate to landless poor, 26 to ex-servicemen and 11 to political sufferers. Information is not available whether any of the ex-servicemen or political sufferers own land.

"(*b*) No, Sir. Special staff is sanctioned when necessary to speed up the disposal of darkhast applications."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, the lands in Kaikalur taluk especially are made cultivable and valuable by a long process of cultivation by the landless poor. Will the Government waive the collection of market value at the time of assignment of these lands to the landless poor? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If the land comes under the term 'valuable land', market value will be collected."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the jamabandi officers are calling for ryots' conferences during the jamabandi time? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not know what that has got to do with this question. Anyway, I do not think the jamabandi officers call for ryots' conferences, but the ryots themselves call for ryots' conferences."

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" What is the necessity for the Government to withdraw that Government Order and enforce this new Government Order that puts land to auction? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already answered that ordinary lands are given free to landless poor. Only lands which are very near big towns and cities, and lands which have irrigation facilities, are given either on market value or sold in public auction."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has made it clear that only lands near big towns and cities are given on market value or sold in public auction. Will the Hon. Minister please send instructions to the local revenue officers to see that market value is not collected from the poor agricultural labourers when lands are given to them in places other than those near big towns and cities? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" What we do in the case of the poor is this. When poor people had reclaimed lands spending money and labour over them, we give those lands to the poor at a low market value—the market value that obtained before the lands were reclaimed."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that several applications for the assignment of lands are pending with each Collector, will the Government consider the question of appointing special staff to dispose of those applications? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. It is being done whenever necessary. When the applications are more than 500 and less than 1,000, we allow one extra lower division clerk, one revenue inspector and one peon. If the number should exceed 1,000, we allow two lower division clerks, two revenue inspectors and two peons."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know, Sir, what types of land are classified as 'valuable'? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already answered the question. I do not know what the hon. Member was doing then."

SRI G. NAGESWARA RAO :—" అయ్యా, ఇప్పుడు వ్యవసాయ కూలీలు ఎంతో డబ్బు ఖర్చుపెట్టి పెట్టుబళ్లు పెట్టి బంజరు భూములను సాగులోకి తెచ్చారు. ప్రభుత్వము యిప్పుడు బంజరు భూములను market value కు ఇస్తున్నప్పుడు, ఆ పెట్టుబళ్లను market value నుంచి మినహాయిస్తారా అని అడుగుచున్నాను."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In such cases, I have already said that increased market value is not collected. The market value that was obtaining before the land was reclaimed, is only collected."

Representations from the ryots of Tekkali taluk.

* 218 Q.—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the ryots of Tekkali taluk about the drought conditions